

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my support of HB6491 An Act Permitting Persons to Protect Themselves Using Nonlethal Defensive Instruments. Police response to crimes are not immediate and when minutes count, citizens have the right to defend themselves from harm using non-lethal instruments such as stun guns or tasers. Some citizens with respiratory issues may be unable to use pepper sprays as a means of self-defense which severely limits instruments available to them. Others may be uncomfortable or unwilling to carry a firearm for personal defense. In closing, this bill provides additional options for citizens wanting to defend themselves using non-lethal means and I fully support it.

Respectfully,
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